

**WE CLAIM:**

1. A method of creating an email usage record comprising:  
receiving an input signal;  
5 creating an email usage record in response to the input signal;  
creating an event jacket associated with the email usage record;  
receiving a command to send an email message;  
receiving a confirmation signal after the email message has  
been sent; and  
10 creating an email leg jacket including at least one record, the at  
least one record including information relating to the email message.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the input signal is received from  
a communication device.  
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3. The method of claim 2, wherein the communication device  
includes one of a telephone, a paging unit, a cellular telephone, a satellite  
telephone, an Internet telephone and a personal computer.
- 20 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the instruction signal is received  
at a communication node from a communication device.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the instruction signal is  
generated by a communication node.  
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6. The method of claim 1, wherein the confirmation signal is  
received at a communication node.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the event jacket includes at least one of an end user identification record, an end user device identification record, a first time record and a first date record.

5           8. The method of claim 1, wherein the email leg jacket includes at least one of an identifier record, a destination address record, a source address record, a size record, an attachment record, a provider record, an urgency record, a delivery record, a class record, a reoccurrence record, a recipient record, a second time record, a second date record, a delivery  
10 receipt record and a bill-to record.

          9. A system for creating an email usage record comprising:  
          computer readable program code to receive an input signal;  
          computer readable program code to create an email usage  
15 record in response to the input signal;  
          computer readable program code to receive a request to send an email message;  
          computer readable program code to receive a confirmation  
signal after the email message has been sent; and  
20           computer readable program code to create an email leg jacket including at least one record, the at least one record including information relating to the email message.

          10. The system of claim 9, wherein the input signal is received from  
25 a communication device.

          11. The system of claim 10, wherein the communication device includes one of a telephone, a paging unit, a cellular telephone, a satellite telephone, an Internet telephone and a personal computer.

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12. The system of claim 9, wherein the instruction signal is received at a communication node from a communication device.

5 13. The system of claim 9, wherein the instruction signal is generated by a communication node.

14. The system of claim 9, wherein the confirmation signal is received at a communication node.

10 15. The system of claim 9, wherein the event jacket includes at least one of an end user identification record, an end user device identification record, a first time record and a first date record.

15 16. The system of claim 9, wherein the email leg jacket includes at least one of an identifier record, a destination address record, a source address record, a size record, an attachment record, a provider record, an urgency record, a delivery record, a class record, a reoccurrence record, a recipient record, a second time record, a second date record, a delivery receipt record and a bill-to record.

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17. A program for creating an email usage record comprising:  
computer readable program code to receive an input signal;  
computer readable program code to create an email usage  
record in response to the input signal;  
5 computer readable program code to receive a request to send  
an email message;  
computer readable program code to receive a confirmation  
signal after the email message has been sent; and  
computer readable program code to create an email leg jacket  
10 including at least one record, the at least one record including information  
relating to the email message.
18. A method of creating an email usage record comprising:  
creating an email usage record;  
15 creating an event jacket associated with the email usage record;  
sending an email message; and  
creating an email leg jacket including at least one record  
associated with the email message.